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SUBJECT: CHILDREN OF GOD MISSIONARIES IMPRISONED IN
CASABLANCA

REF : RABAT 387 (NOTAL)

1. DEPT (AF/N AND SCS) HAS LITTLE INFO ON POLITICAL ACTIVI-
TY OF CHILDREN OF GOD MOVEMENT BUT COMMENDS TO EMBASSY
"WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE DATED JANUARY 18 ENTITLED
"CHILDREN OF GOD, QADHAFI ARE ALLIES." ARTICLE REPRODUCED
IN AF PRESS CLIPS OF JANUARY 22 WHICH POUCHED RABAT
JANUARY 26.

2. ARTICLE QUOTES COG LEADER MOSES DAVID IN "THIRD WORLD"
PAMPHLET MENTIONED REFTEL WHICH PRAISES QADHAFI AS MODERN
PROPHET COMBATting GODLESSNESS AND MATERIALISM. IT ALSO
REPORTS QADHAFI HAS APPARENTLY HOSTED COG MEMBERS AND
ADOPTED SYMPATHETIC IF PATERNALISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM.

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ARTICLE SAYS QADHAFI TWICE COMMENDED THEM VIA LIBYAN RADIO

TO LIBYAN PEOPLE ASKING LATTER TO "BE FRIENDLY AND HOSPI-
TABLE TO ABNA ALLAH (COG) AND TO EXPLAIN ISLAM TO THEM, FOR
THEY ARE NOT TOO WELL ORGANIZED." ARTICLE REPORTS ALSO
THAT QADHAFI'S FIRST PERSONAL CONTACT WITH COG WAS AT PARIS
PRESS CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER, 1973.

3. RE COG ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE, ARTICLE REPORTS GROUP RAN
REVIVAL MEETINGS OF SORT IN BEIRUT LAST AUGUST BUT THAT GOL
EXPELLED THEM AFTER SIX WEEKS BECAUSE OF SIMILARITY TO
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES WHO APPARENTLY BANNED THROUGHOUT
MIDDLE EAST.

4. FOREGOING ACCOUNT TENDS TO CONFIRM EMBASSY'S VIEW OF
COG AS FUNDAMENTALIST AND POLITICALLY NAIVE. KISSINGER

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